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Mayor’s Report Card

Dear Crestwood Residents,

As citizens of Crestwood, you have a right to know how your local government is responding to the needs of your community. As your Mayor, I have worked hard to keep open the affairs of the Village and to institute transparency wherever possible so that every citizen has the opportunity to know just what their elected officials are doing. To that end, I would like to review some of the many initiatives that I and your Board of Trustees have taken on over the past year and briefly describe how these initiatives have impacted our community.

- Our Village never had guidelines in place that would protect us from contractors who did not meet the minimum standards related to their professional services. Therefore, a Responsible Bidder Ordinance was approved by the Village that obliges any contractors wishing to provide service to us to meet the minimum standards required to ensure that their work will meet the standards expected of quality contractors within their fields.
- Our Village now, for the first time, has a retirement savings plan in place for all Village employees. This plan was put in place at no cost to the taxpayers of Crestwood and will help us to attract and retain the quality professionals we need to keep the quality of our Village services at the highest levels possible.
- We managed to settle a lawsuit filed by the Attorney General against our Village for \$50,000.00 that some had claimed would cost us millions of dollars. This settlement has allowed our Village to move forward without fear of the future, and is paving the way for further settlements of lawsuits filed against the Village from the past water-related issue.
- We have received a \$360,000.00 grant to improve streets in our village and a \$3 million grant to address flooding issues at 135th & Central, Midlothian Turnpike and Lavergne Avenue. For years our residents lived with the fear of flooding in these areas, which we now have the funding to correct and, once and for all, put an end to flooding in these areas.
- No fewer than 170 residences in our Village will be moved out of a flood zone in 2015, thanks to the work we have done to find the funding to put flooding of the Tinley Creek under control. We will be issuing bids for this work this year.
- A sidewalk improvement grant of \$900,000.00 was obtained that will allow us to put new sidewalks on Midlothian Turnpike from Long Avenue to Kostner Avenue.
- We received \$2.5 million to upgrade our main business district along Cicero Avenue and Pulaski Avenue from the Cal-Sag to 143rd Street. This beautification and safety upgrade will help transform both the look and feel of our business areas making them more enjoyable for shoppers and far safer for pedestrians on foot and those who choose to bicycle to the shops in Crestwood.

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TOWN HALL MEETING March 11th

The Village Recreation Commission invites you to attend our Town Hall Meeting pertaining to our Parks and Recreation Department. Village Engineer Ken Chastain and the Recreation Commission will aid and guide residents through what will become a five-year plan for our parks' area, including the new development of new green space. The sought after funding is under an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant, and has many factors that must come into play before a town is awarded these monies. Ken will focus primarily on the Caesar Park area, touching upon the results of the public survey that just concluded. The survey indicated the need for a fishing pond as the top vote getter, followed by more walking and biking trails, which will also be addressed. Through public conversations such as this opportunity affords, the Village can better serve its wants and needs. Join us to share your input **at 7pm on Wednesday, March 11th at the Civic Center.**



POLAR PLUNGE®



Crestwood Polar Plunge 2015

On March 7th, residents will have the chance to show what they’re made of and prove their commitment to Crestwood pride. The Crestwood Police Department, currently the No. 3 top fundraiser in the state for Special Olympics Illinois, encourages all to join in the hearty adventure of the season: the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge.

This is the fifth annual turnout for the Crestwood team, aptly named the Crestwood Copsicles. The event will be held at the Manteno Sportsmen’s Club. The busload of participants and its caravan will leave the police station at 11am on that Saturday and return around 4pm. Though riding on the bus isn’t obligatory, it makes for even more fun.

Polar plungers under 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent. It’s all about the new members, so sign up today at plungeillinois.com, or donate via soill.donordrive.com.



SAVE THE DATE

When: April 4th, 2015
Where: CAESAR’S PARK
(Kenton & 142nd)
Time: 11:00am

The Recreation Commission will be sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11am on Saturday, April 4th at Caesar Park. More information to follow can be found on the Village website and Facebook.



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Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm-10:00pm

Crestwood Civic Center | 14025 Kostner Ave | March 5th and 19th

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm-9:00pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | March 3rd and 17th

Planning Commission – Zoning Board 8:30pm-10:00pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | March 10th and 24th

Recreation Commission - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | March 11th and 25th

Village Parking Notice

Crestwood Village ordinance prohibits parking on *any* village street between 2am and 6am. The reason for this ordinance is so police will be alerted to abandoned vehicles or suspicious vehicles that require investigations. This ordinance also ensures that all streets throughout the Village will be open to fire and rescue equipment in the event of an overnight emergency. This is especially necessary in areas where narrow streets can block large fire trucks. We will continue to enforce this ordinance. Thank you for your cooperation with this ordinance. The initial fine for this violation is \$75.00. This is a Village-wide ordinance. **PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR LATE NIGHT AND OVERNIGHT GUESTS ARE MADE AWARE OF THIS AS WELL!**



Garbage and Refuse Collection



It is very important that residents make themselves aware of important ordinances in the Village.

Please be aware that garbage cans are not to be taken out until 6pm the night before pickup and removed from the curb side by 8pm on day of collection. This is not always the case for many. The Village Trustees have instructed

the Police Department to enforce this ordinance. A warning will be issued for the first offense and a ticket will be issued on the second offense. A neon green sticker will be placed on your can as a warning. Please be aware this will be your one and only warning before a ticket is issued. Our goal is to keep our Village a beautiful and proud place to live. With your help we can achieve this.



On Sunday, March 8th, get ready to begin the warmer months by “springing” forward your clocks by one hour. Daylight Saving Time, which begins at 2am on March 8th, gives more usable hours of daylight after the typical 9 to 5 workday, and thus “saves” daylight.


- We received a grant to install the technology that allows our traffic signals to work in sync with our first responders so that firefighters and paramedics can respond to emergencies faster and more safely throughout our Village.
- We received a permit to Cal-Sag property that allows us to usher in a multi-million dollar project providing good jobs for our residents and increases the quality of life for everyone in Crestwood.
- We faced the challenge posed to us from those desiring to open adult entertainment clubs in our Village by passing a no-nonsense ordinance that had never been used before. That ordinance, currently being studied by villages and towns throughout Illinois, effectively halted attempts to bring the sex trade to Crestwood.
- Your Board of Trustees unanimously adopted one of the toughest ethics ordinances in place in any village or town in Illinois and voluntarily elected the Cook County Sheriff’s Office to provide the services of Inspector General, thus providing every citizen and every Village employee with a means to report wrongdoing and a method to conduct independent investigations of allegations of wrongdoing.
- New businesses have sprouted along the main streets of our Village and more are in the works, signaling a bright future for our Village and its residents.
- Your Recreation Commission along with our Village engineer will soon provide details of the OSLAD Grant and how this grant will help fund a full five-year plan to improve our Village parks and make them more useable and enjoyable for every citizen of Crestwood.

- We have embarked on a well-thought-out plan to address our aging water and sewage system in the Village with a sales tax that will allow us to pay for these significant repairs while garnering enough money to also return property taxes to both our residents and businesses here in Crestwood. The non-home rule referendum that will allow this plan to move forward will be on the ballot this April and we urge every voter in Crestwood to support this vital initiative by voting Yes on April 7th.

This past year was also marked with recognition for our Village. While Moraine Valley Community College chose to honor me for “Excellence in Government,” that award is shared with all of the hardworking trustees who have assisted throughout the year to bring about past accomplishments and to undertake planning for more in the future.

This March 11th, we will hold another Town Hall Meeting at the Village Civic Center. I hope you will all find the time to attend and to both learn of new initiatives your elected officials are undertaking, and to ask any questions that you may have.

I thank you for all the support you have shown to your Village over the past year, and I look forward to serving you throughout the coming year so that we can continue to add to our list of accomplishments and maintain the brightest outlook for Crestwood both today and in the future.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lou Presta

Snow Event Protocol

Hoping inclement weather is behind us, we would like to inform you of the protocol that the village takes in a snow event. Our Village Services Director sends out our Public Works plows in two groups, but there are different conditions that call for diverse plans of attack. He is in constant contact with the police department through a storm alert on street safety. He also keeps the Mayor informed of the plans to best handle the storm and clean up after the storm has ended. A plow-only or plow-plus-salt event is predicated by accumulation, driver safety and information from the weather service board. Salting in heavy accumulation or extreme cold temperatures with icing *does not* benefit our roadways. It’s most effective at temperatures above 20 F. In fact, salt is wasted on these types of events and has the potential to cause green kill. Trees up to 150 feet from a highway can be damaged — sometimes a salty mist from tires can harm trees a mile away. Salt splashes beyond streets, killing grass and gardens. Also, bare ground erodes quickly and salt erodes much needed nutrients from soil. Job performance is no longer measured

by how much salt is applied per shift. Snow melts faster when salt is applied in narrow strips or as brine. Prudence in salt usage will be part of future salt planning; the EPA and IEPA are looking into the damage caused by oversalting our roadways, including harm to ground and surface water.

Our equipment is sent out during an event. Primary areas are the main thoroughfares and intersections. Side streets are the last to be completed. The plow trucks concentrate on heavier-traffic-flow streets because of the potential for more accidents. We clear pathways on the less trafficked streets when we can do a full cleanup. The main streets, such as 135th, Midlothian Turnpike, Central Ave., Cicero Ave. and Pulaski Ave., are the domain of the state and county, though we assist when needed. As a reminder, please do not pile snow with a snowplow on your neighbor’s lawn. Also, do not snow blow or shovel snow back into the street. Let’s work together to make a tough situation go away faster. Again, we ask for your patience in attending to the village streets. Safety is our main concern throughout the village during inclement weather.

Register to VOTE!

Remember to get to the polls by Election Day on Tuesday, April 7th! Local, state and federal governmental offices all play an impact on our society, and it’s your civic duty to get out and vote! Grace period registration begins March 11th and goes through April 4th, and early voting is from March 23rd through April 4th. You may also choose to vote by absentee ballot. More information is available at www.cookcountyclerk.com and www.elections.il.gov.

Cook County closes registration 28 days before the election.
Register By Mail: You can complete a mail-in voter application form and return it to the Cook County Clerk’s office.

First-time voters who register by mail no longer have to vote in person the first time they vote. They can either vote in person or vote absentee by mail.

When submitting a voter registration application:

1. Fill out the entire application;

2. Sign the application; and
3. Mail the completed, signed application up to 28 days before an election

Below you will find a listing of our current Polling Places.

POLLING PLACES | Worth Township

- (42) 5757 W. 127th St., Bernardin Center
- (50) 135th & Long, Nathan Hale Primary
- (23) 135th & Long, Nathan Hale Primary
- (79) 5757 W. 127th St., Bernardin Center

POLLING PLACES | Bremen Township

- (13) 14025 Kostner Ave., Civic Center
- (16) 5202 Midlothian Turnpike, Condo Clubhouse
- (50) 14025 S. Kostner Ave., Civic Center
- (68) 13755 S. Lamon Ave., ESDA Building
- (60) 5202 Midlothian Turnpike, Condo Clubhouse
- (11) 14025 Kostner Ave., Civic Center

ELECTION INFORMATION

Telephone	312.603.0906
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Stockpile Removal and Disposal

Description: This work shall consist of the screening, segregating and loading of approximately 700,000 cubic yards of natural limestone, dirt, silt, and pea gravel, for use by contractors on offsite projects. Removal of the existing stockpile shall be made to the point where all the aggregates/soil above grade has been removed to street grade level. The location of the existing stockpile is on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) property east of Cicero Avenue on north side of Cal Sag Road in the Village of Crestwood, IL.

Construction Requirements

General: Prior to beginning operations in the area, Contractor shall notify the Village of Crestwood who currently has a 2 year permit for the use of this site from the MWRDGC, in order to obtain access to this property. All Village requirements and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago requirements shall be met before access is granted. Notification shall be made one week in advance to starting work. The Contractor shall be responsible for reviewing the Permit and adhering to the conditions of the permit prior to the commencement of work, including but not limited to insurance requirements.

The Contractor’s sequence of operations shall be in such a way to limit excessive dirt and debris and minimize traffic congestions on the roadways.

Site Operation Plan: The Contractor shall develop a project specific site plan and submit the plan to the Village Engineer a minimum of two weeks before beginning the removal activities. The plan shall outline the procedures, subcontractors if any, construction timelines, and the final project site where this material is being used. The plan shall also meet all the federal, State and local requirements for the screening, segregating and loading of this spoil material. Any debris screened from these piles, shall be removed and disposed of in accordance with State, Federal and Local regulations.

Stockpile removal and disposal shall be performed only when temperature in the shade is at least 40 degrees F (5 degrees C) and the forecast calls for no rain.

Method of Measurement: This work shall be measured for payment in TON as measured at the project site.

Basis of Payment: This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per TON for the screening, segregating and loading of the STOCKPILED AGGREGATE. No additional payment shall be made for the testing.

Cicero Avenue Right of Way Improvement

In order to offer all-mode users a warm welcoming to the Village of Crestwood along Cicero Avenue, the Village has requested and received \$1.1 million dollars in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for the assistance of proposed improvements starting at W. 128th Place and ending at 143th Street. With numerous commuters passing through Cicero Avenue, the proposed improvements will unify and present opportunities to this commercially-dominated section of the community. An alternative mode of transportation in reaching commercial areas from the residential neighborhood would be implemented by providing pedestrian/bicycle facilities and pedestrian signalized intersections along Cicero Avenue that could link up to the Cal Sag Bicycle trail system.

The proposed improvements include improved sidewalks and driveway aprons, traffic signal modifications to accommodate pedestrian traffic, landscape beautification of the right-of-way, and new street lighting-LED. The proposed project will increase the appeal of Cicero Avenue, improve pedestrian safety, provide ADA sidewalk ramps at intersections, will upgrade the lighting to LED resulting in Village savings, will reduce amount of paved area in the right-of-way helping out the stormwater and drainage facilities, will fix damaged sidewalks, and repair selected driveway aprons. The improvements will mimic the proposed improvements to Cicero Avenue Beautification Project to the North from Midway Airport to I-294 resulting in a contiguous feel for the corridor.



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Upcoming BASSET Training Dates

The Southwest Conference of Mayors along with the Illinois Liquor Commission and the Village of Orland Park will host two Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training (BASSET) sessions on Tuesday, May 5th and Thursday, May 7th from noon to 4pm at the Orland Park Civic Center. Under PA98- 0939, BASSET is now mandatory for anyone serving alcohol in Cook County with only a few exceptions to the law. The Village of Crestwood urges liquor-serving business owners to take advantage of these free sessions. More details will become available for registration on the Village Facebook page and website as the training dates approach.

MWRD Working to Improve Flooding Issues

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) is currently working toward producing final design documents for the Flood Control/Streambank Stabilization project on Tinley Creek in Crestwood near the confluence of Tinley Creek and the Calumet-Sag Channel. We have obtained all necessary permits and easements for the work. We anticipate advertising the contract in April, with work beginning in Summer 2015. Construction is expected to take approximately one year.

The District is performing preliminary engineering for a flood control project in the vicinity of 135th Street and Central Avenue in Crestwood. Various alternatives to address flooding in this area will be evaluated, and a project will be recommended for final design by Summer 2015, with construction anticipated in 2016. An intergovernmental agreement will be negotiated between the District and the Village of Crestwood to define the responsibilities for design, construction, operations and maintenance of the project. Also, the Village is currently preparing plans for stormwater improvements to address flooding near the intersection of Midlothian Turnpike and LaVergne Avenue, and the District and Village are negotiating an IGA to define their respective roles for this project partnership. Subject to final negotiations and necessary approvals by their governing boards, the District will provide significant funding towards construction of this project, and the Village will be responsible for the design, construction, operations and maintenance of the proposed improvements, and additional funding.

We Watch, We Call!



Mayor Presta and the Board of Trustees have heard the requests of many to report crimes in our Village. Working with our Police Department, a compiled snapshot of a month’s reporting will be shown here in the Adviser. Our intent is to inform the public in order to protect and be vigilant in calling upon our Police. The Mayor urges all to stay tuned-in to your neighbors’ well-being and property. Call our police, report suspicious activity, be aware. (911 or Dispatch non-Emergency 708-385-5131).

Warrant Service

01-15-2015: A male was arrested in the 127th block of Cal Sag Road and taken into custody for a no-bond domestic battery warrant from Downers Grove.

01-26-2015: A male was arrested at 131st and Central and taken into custody for a traffic warrant.

Deceptive Practice

01-07-2015: An elderly resident received a phone call from a company identifying itself as Enhance Acquisition Company, investigating a payday loan in the amount of \$500.00 that had been mistakenly deposited into the victim’s account and they were demanding repayment. The caller demanded the victim’s personal information including Social Security number and checking account information. **Luckily the victim did NOT provide any information and the case is pending further investigation.**

01-16-2015: A resident attempted to purchase an ATV from an ad on Craig’s List. The victim had purchased four separate reloaded cards all valued at \$500.00 each and provided the card information via the Internet. It was later discovered this to be an Internet scam and no ATV was delivered.

01-21-2015: A resident reported that unknown suspects had used her credit card information in Florida. The suspects also attempted to change her address and requested a new card be sent.

Thefts

01-03-2015: Unknown suspects broke a car window and removed a purse from the Export Fitness parking lot.

01-03-2015: Unknown suspects removed a catalytic converter from a vehicle in the parking lot of Coach USA.

01-06-2015: Unknown suspects took the catalytic converters off of two vehicles in the parking lot of Your Choice Auto Sales.

01-09-2015: Unknown suspects took a purse that was left on the front passenger seat of an unlocked vehicle in the 127th block of Central.

01-12-2015: Unknown suspects stole a 1997 GMC Sierra from the 127th block of Cal Sag Road.

01-22-15: Unknown suspects took the catalytic converters off of four vehicles from the Your Choice Auto Sales parking lot.

01-23-2015: Unknown suspects stole an air conditioning unit in the 4400 block of Midlothian Turnpike.

01-25-2015: Unknown suspects entered several semi trailers in the 4700 block of 135th Street.

01-25-2015: Unknown suspects stole two semi tractors and trailers from the 4500 block of 137th Street.

01-25-2015: Unknown suspects stole a semi tractor and trailer from the 4700 block of 135th Street.

01-26-2015: Unknown suspects entered a vehicle and took phone chargers, cigarettes and prescription medicine in the 135th block of Lamon.

01-30-2015: Unknown suspects stole a tool box and spare tire from the 4500 block of 135th Street.

01-31-2015: Unknown suspects stole an iPhone 6 that was left unattended in the bathroom of the recreational center.

Retail Thefts

01-04-2015: A male was arrested and charged with retail theft after taking \$663.00 worth of merchandise from Kohl’s.

01-07-2015: A male was arrested at Wal-Mart and charged with theft after taking \$343.00 worth of merchandise.

01-07-2015: An employee of Best Buy was arrested after attempting to steal an iPhone 6 valued at \$699.00.

01-10-2015: A male was arrested and charged with retail theft after attempting to steal \$171.00 worth of merchandise from Wal-Mart.

Eight people were issued local ordinance citations for retail theft during the month of January.

No License/Suspended Driver Arrest

01-02-2015: A male was arrested and charged with operating an uninsured vehicle and driving on a

suspended license in the 133rd block of Cicero.

01-03-2015: A male was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in the 134th block of Cicero.

01-03-2015: A female was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in the 137th block of Cicero.

01-08-2015: A male was arrested in the 133rd block of Cicero after being involved in an accident. He was charged with driving too fast for conditions, having no valid drivers license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

01-11-2015: A male was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle, in the 4900 block of Cal Sag Road.

01-11-2015: A male was arrested in the 137th block of Cicero and charged with driving without lights when required, having no valid drivers license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

01-13-2015: A male was arrested in the 135th block of Cicero and charged with speeding, having no valid drivers license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

01-18-2015: A male was arrested in the 4900 block of Cal Sag Road and charged with expired registration and driving with a suspended license.

01-20-2015: A male was arrested in the 143rd block of Pulaski and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Damage to Property

01-01-2015: Unknown suspects damaged a mailbox in the 4800 block of 138th Place.

01-14-2015: Unknown suspects slashed two tires on a vehicle behind the ShopMart.

01-17-2015: Unknown suspects scratched the side of a vehicle that was parked in Menard’s parking lot.

01-24-2015: Unknown suspects cut the locking seal off of a semi trailer in the 4500 block of 137th Street.

Police Cadet/Explorer Program



The Crestwood Police Department is looking for youths between the ages of 14 and 19 who may be interested in joining our Cadet/Explorer program. While we do quite a few activities and much training that are law enforcement-related, the main purpose of this program is to help these young people to develop good communication and leadership skills. We also provide training with other agencies, including Cook County Department of Homeland Security, Illinois State Police, Cook County Sheriff’s Police, FBI, DEA, Secret Service and others. Applications are available at the Crestwood Police Station Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 9pm, and 8:30am to noon Saturday.

US House of Representatives Artistic Discovery Contest



Each spring, the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives sponsor a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

The Artistic Discovery Contest is open to all high school students in the 1st District. The overall winner of our district’s competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The exhibit in Washington will also include artwork from other contest winners nationwide.

Students submit entries to their representative’s office, and panels of district artists select the winning entries. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.

If you know of a high school student interested in participating this year’s art competition, please review the 2015 Art Competition Guidelines for Students and Teachers, visit U.S. Representative Bobby Rush’s webpage at rush.house.gov/services/art-competition to complete the 2015 Student Information/Release Form. Follow the Art Submission Checklist and submit to your work by the deadline specified on Congressman Rush’s website.



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2015 SEASON

Crestwood Baseball Information

Mayor Lou Presta wants every child who lives in Crestwood to have the opportunity to play Baseball this upcoming summer.

To help make this happen, the Mayor is offering Baseball for FREE to every Crestwood youngster for the 2015 season!

Volunteer coaches are needed for both Crestwood T-Ball and Crestwood Baseball—2015 season.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2015 SEASON CONTACT THE:

Crestwood Rec & Wellness Center
5331 W. 135th Street
Crestwood, IL 60445
www.crestwoodbaseball.com
708-371-4800, ext. 2014

Crestwood Baseball

Ages:	Divisions:
7-8 years	Pinto (Coach Pitch)
9-10 years	Mustang
11-12 years	Bronco
13-14 years	Pony
15-16 years	Colt

Cost: FREE for Crestwood Residents
\$150.00 for Non-Residents

Season: Season runs mid-April until mid-July.

Register now at the Crestwood Rec & Wellness Center.

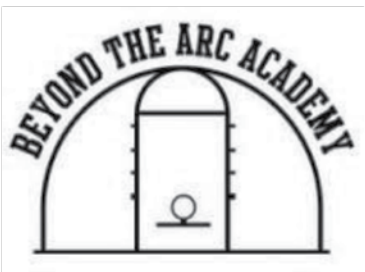


Beyond the Arc Academy Basketball Camp Spring Break Special

Beyond the Arc Academy Basketball will hold a Spring Break Basketball Camp at Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center.

Location 5331 W. 135th St., Crestwood, IL 60445.
Date: April 6th through April 10th, 2015
Time: 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Cost: \$50.00 per player
Ages: 5th thru 8th grade

Includes:
Ball Handling
Footwork
Shooting
Passing
Skill Contests
3 on 3 Games



To register, please contact the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center at 708.371.4810.

Come out and have some fun and work on your game!

For more information on Beyond the Arc Academy, please visit www.beyondthearccademy.com.

Coach Jim Sexton Co-Founder of Beyond the Arc Academy

Coach Jim Sexton was a 1994 graduate of Brother Rice High School and is the school's all-time leading scorer. He was a member of the 1994 All-State Basketball team and a three-time All Catholic League player. Coach Sexton played division 1 basketball at Creighton University and UIC where in 1998 he was part of the Flames first NCAA tournament team. Coach Sexton has worked with hundreds of players over the last 15 years including as an instructor at the Coach Hallberg Instructional Program and for two years as Coach Pat Richardson's head assistant coach at Brother Rice.



Miss Angie's Music
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SPRING 2015 FAMILY MUSIC

FAMILY MUSIC—CYCLE OF SEASONS Thursdays, March 19—April 23

(5 week session—No class April 9)

FAMILY MUSIC FOR TODDLERS
Ages 16 months to 3 years (with parent)
Thursdays, 4:15-4:50 PM
\$55.00 resident/Non-resident

Participate with your toddler in singing, chanting, moving, dancing, listening and playing simple instruments – while developing a strong musical bond with your child. Through activities that bridge the natural connection between music and movement, your child's musical aptitude and listening abilities are further developed. Class is designed for child and adult to participate in together.
Min-4, Max -12

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INSTRUCTOR ANGIE POPE BIO:
Angie Pope has been teaching early childhood music and movement classes since 2010. She is a licensed Musikgarten teacher and ECMMA (The Early Childhood Music and Movement Association) certified. Angie holds a B.A. in dance. She currently performs as a lead singer with the Becca Kaufman Orchestra and Ladies of the Canyon. "Miss Angie's Music" provides quality music programs for babies, toddlers and their families in the South suburbs.



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Min/Max: 5/20
Ages: 3-5 years old
Day: Mondays, March 16 to April 20
Time: 3:30 to 4:15 PM
Instructor: JumpBunch
Fee: \$50.00 Resident/Non-Resident
No Class: April 6

Class Instructors

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Min/Max: 5/20
Ages: 6-9 years old
Day: Wednesdays, March 18 to April 22
Time: 4:00 to 5:00 PM
Instructor: JumpBunch
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Day: Tuesdays
Dates: March 17 - April 28
Time: 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Ages: 5 to 12 years old
Fee: \$60.00 Resident/Non-Resident
No Class: April 7
Instructor: Jaime McInerney



Wildlife Education—Instructor Jamie's Bio

Jaime McInerney is the instructor for our wildlife education programs. Jamie comes to us from the city of Lake Forest, where he was a Wildlife Biologist and Curator of the Wildlife Discovery Center. Jaime's research background includes studying the Timber Rattlesnake in the Shawnee National Forest. Jaime has also cataloged the reptile and amphibian fauna for the Open Lands Association. Other accomplishments include heading a relocation project involving the Eastern Milk Snake. He is a registered herpetologist in Cook and Will Counties and works closely with law enforcement agencies. Jaime is the owner of Reptile Rampage. Reptile Rampage is an organization that takes in confiscated, abused, and unwanted animals. These animals are rehabilitated and cared for. Reptile Rampage is dedicated to bringing the joys of the natural world to our youth. Jaime has been presented with the Outstanding Excellence in Environmental Education Award from the state of Illinois for the past three years.

Cardio Kickboxing at the CRWC

Cardio Kickboxing — a combination of aerobics, boxing, and martial arts — is one of the most popular fitness trends to hit fitness centers in recent years. These workouts, which are inspired by martial arts, have motivated many people to start a fitness program. Cardio Kickboxing is in full-swing at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (CRWC).

This intense, total-body workout will improve strength, aerobic fitness, flexibility, coordination and balance. The American Council on Exercise (ACE), which evaluates exercise products and programs, notes that during a one-hour kickboxing workout, participants can burn from 500 to 800 calories, which is up to twice the calories burned during a one-hour step-aerobics class.

“Cardio Kickboxing classes are a great alternative for people who have become bored with weight-room cardiovascular activities, such as brisk walking or jogging on a treadmill, says Diana Esparza, the certified instructor who teaches the classes on Saturday mornings. “Whether you’re looking to increase strength, confidence, coordination, or you’re just after a great cardio workout, kickboxing will keep you coming back for more.”

Join Diana every Saturday morning at the CRWC for the Cardio Kickboxing class from 9:30 to 10:45am. An all-inclusive membership or exercise punch card (EPC) is required to take the class. Diana also teaches many other cardio classes throughout the week. For more information, call the CRWC at 708-371-4810 or log onto their website, www.crestwoodfitness.com.

Zumba Fitness at the CRWC

Zumba Fitness remains one of the most popular workouts on the planet. According to their official website at www.zumba.com, Zumba is currently being taught in 180 countries with 15 million people participating at 200,000 locations.

Since 2010, one of those locations is the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (CRWC). In 2014 alone, the CRWC had almost 3,000 paid participants. The workouts are taught by licensed Zumba instructor Lynn Kata of Crestwood, and her classes continue to draw people from all over the Southwest Suburbs who are looking to get a great calorie-burning class. Lynn became a licensed Zumba instructor in 2009 after successfully losing 35 pounds the previous year. “I was looking for a more challenging cardio workout beyond my daily walks,” Lynn said. “I tried a Zumba class and was instantly hooked! I thought if I enjoy it this much, maybe other people will enjoy it, too.”

Diane Taczynski of Crestwood, who has been taking the Zumba classes at the CRWC since 2010, says, “I couldn’t agree more. Lynn is by far the best Zumba instructor in the South Suburbs. She is easy to follow, friendly and knowledgeable, and she changes the music frequently, which keeps me motivated. ... It’s like exercise in disguise.”

So we all know Zumba is fun, but is it effective? Now there’s proof that it is.

A study sponsored by the American Council on Exercise (ACE) commissioned John Porcari, Ph.D., of the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse’s Department of Exercise and Sport Science to study the benefits of Zumba fitness. The study revealed that it truly is an effective workout.

“It’s a total-body exercise — a good, high-energy aerobic workout,” Porcari explains. “Zumba is also good for core strengthening and flexibility gains because there are lots of hip and midsection movements. With subjects

burning an average of 369 calories per class, Zumba is also a fine choice for those who are looking to drop a few pounds or maintain their current weight levels.

Equally important is the notion that Zumba is entertaining which means exercisers are busy burning calories and getting fit while enjoying the fun of Latin dancing.”

Lynn Kata also became a certified ACE Group Fitness Instructor in 2011 and an ACE-certified Health Coach as well. “It’s been a challenging yet very rewarding job,” Lynn says. “I hope to continue to bring health and fitness to others as long as I can. Since I held my first class in January of 2010, it’s been going as strong as ever. I feel so incredibly lucky to have the support of the Village and the CRWC and to be able to draw students from all over the Southwest Suburban area. It’s been quite a ride.”

Membership to the CRWC is not required to attend Zumba classes. Join Lynn every Monday (low-impact), Wednesday or Friday from 6:30 to 7:30pm. The fee for one class is \$9.00 to drop in, or participants can purchase a five-punch card for \$35.00 (residents)/\$40.00 (non-residents) or a 10-punch card for \$60.00 (residents)/\$70.00 (non-residents). For more information, call the CRWC at 708-371-4810, visit the Lynn Kata Zumba Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lynnkatazumba or visit www.zumba.com.

Shepard’s Leo Club Makes A Difference for Kids

Shepard High School’s Leo Club made 16 fleece blankets after school on February 4th to donate to the Pediatric Surgical Heart Unit at Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital in Oak Lawn.



From left to right: Trevor Mikos, Lauren Mikos, Liliana Esparza, Maria Sanchez, Angelique Harmon, Valeria Vasquez. (Not Pictured: Delaney Lyons.)



Students tied the pieces of fabric to create the finished blankets. Left to right: Lauren Mikos, Trevor Mikos.



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Crestwood resident Joe Walters, a freshman in the Criminal Justice program at Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC), was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2014 semester. He had received a 3.6/4.0 GPA. Walters, a graduate of Shepard High School, aspires to transfer to Lewis or Western Illinois University after he completes MVCC’s two-year program. He then plans to pursue work at a police department or in special investigations, possibly the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives or the Drug Enforcement Administration. Walters has participated in Palos Park’s Police Cadet program since high school, which he said has opened doors and helped him understand more about various job opportunities in the field. He also praised the professors and teachers at MVCC, who include police chiefs and officers from the area.

St. Christopher’s School: 90th Anniversary Celebration an Overwhelming Success

When you think about institutions in the area you have to think about St. Christopher School. It has been one of the driving forces in this area, producing fine scholars year after year. More than 400 people came together to celebrate 90 years of St. Christopher School on Friday, February 6th. The celebration had a lot to offer, including dinner, raffles, a silent auction and music by C4 Entertainment. But the best part was seeing old friends and talking about the great times at St. Chris. This atmosphere produced a wonderful evening for everyone who attended. Thank you to our sponsors and the Gala Committee for planning this event to support St. Christopher School!

St. Christopher School Students and Families Enjoy Special Day

St. Christopher’s Grandparents Day/Special Persons’ Day had a huge turnout this year on January 27th. All the students were thrilled to have Gramps, Grammy, Papa and Mimi come and join them for the afternoon. This was in conjunction with St. Christopher’s Catholic Schools Week celebration. The students invited their grandparents and any other special people in their lives to a Mass of celebration. After the Mass, guests enjoyed a reception in the gym and toured the school.

PERSON ON THE STREET Eric Kallenborn’s Class at Shepard

Question of the Month: What issue facing your generation do you think is the most difficult?



“I think bullying is a very serious problem in this generation because it is no longer only in schools. It is everywhere.” — Veronica Jacobson, 15, Sophomore.



“I think that self-confidence is a major issue in our generation. If someone is down on themselves, then we’re told to lighten up and love ourselves, but if we have too much self-confidence we’re seen as arrogant or vain.” — Allie Terry, 15, Sophomore.



“I believe that technology is a problem teenagers are facing because instead of getting fresh air or being active, they’re on their phones.” — Nelly Jaime, 15, Sophomore.

Spring Rivers

By Nathan Hale Middle School
7th Grader Halie Shepard

Sparkling, crisp, clean
Frogs hopping
A clear blue
I look at my rippling reflection
Schools almost over
The sun shines
The colors are brighter and
the leaves
are growing back
Spring Rivers
Reflecting the
happiness of change

Volunteer Opportunity of the Month: Bridge Teen Center

The Bridge Teen Center is a grassroots nonprofit community center in Orland Park that serves kids grades 7 through 12 across the Chicago Southland and Northwest Indiana. It offers a variety of free programs during after-school and unsupervised hours where students can develop mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually in a safe environment. “It’s a home away from home — but with friends,” said Alicia Tracy, a Trinity Christian College social work student and Crestwood resident who is completing her 400-hour semester field placement at the Center. “We’re here to facilitate but we give them a lot of space. No one can sit there and say there’s nothing to do on a Friday night, because we’re here.”

What is the Need for the Bridge?

The Bridge Teen Center was built by the community for the community and designed around the needs of the suburban teenager. The Bridge is currently looking for weekly volunteers during after school hours (2-6pm) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, as well as monthly volunteers for Friday nights (7-11pm).

What’s Involved?

There are a variety of roles that volunteers could fulfill during after school hours or Friday nights at the Bridge. Volunteers may be positioned at the front desk providing a safe and secure environment, assisting students to check in and out, answering phones and performing other administrative tasks. Café volunteers will engage students at the laptop bar, ensure that all material being viewed on the computers is appropriate, and of course, handle concessions. Volunteers may also assist with general floor supervision and interact with students through conversation and games. Program volunteers lead or assist a program for students during after-school hours based on the volunteer’s interests and expertise. Examples of programs include teaching an art class, leading a culinary program, or instructing a music lesson.



Crestwood resident Alicia Tracy at the Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park on “awkward night,” Friday, February 13th. She is completing her Trinity Christian College social work semester-long field placement at the Center.

Why Get Involved?

The Bridge seeks to proactively reach teens as well as to provide a fun and safe environment. Volunteers will be able to assist in these goals as well as have the opportunity to build relationships with youths from their community. The Bridge wants the volunteer’s experience to be as fulfilling for the volunteer as it is for the students. “It’s an opportunity to be a role model in a teen’s life,” Tracy said. “[Being a teenager] is one of the most challenging times in someone’s life. It’s your first heartbreak; first friends’ betrayal. ... You think you know everything, but you don’t. You want your parents’ trust, but you don’t always have it — sometimes for good reason.”

How Do I Sign Up?

Volunteers are required to complete an application, an in-person interview, and training relevant to their role. To start making a difference through the Bridge Teen Center, contact Volunteer Coordinator Tyler Buell at 708-532-0500 or tyler@thebridgeteencenter.org. The Center is located at 15555 South 71st Court in Orland Park.



St. Christopher Mothers’ Club Spring/Summer Resale

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Crestwood Resident Kathie Rush

Crestwood Resident Kathie Rush has taken an array of beautiful photos of wildlife around Cook County. Here are some of her photos.



A red-bellied woodpecker in Rush's backyard, taken in February 2014.



(L) A red-bellied woodpecker in Rush's backyard, taken in February 2014. A black-capped chickadee in Rush's backyard, taken in February 2015. (R) A great horned owl.



A fox with her Merganser duck dinner.



A beaver at Lake Katherine, taken in May 2014.



A coyote and snowman, taken in January 2015.

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The Chicago Irish Film Festival is dedicated to presenting the works of Irish filmmakers to the Chicago film community. Since 1999 the festival has screened over 500 features, documentaries and short films by many of Ireland’s most talented and award-winning filmmakers. Highlights this year are An Bronntanas, Darkness on the Edge of Town, and the humorous film It Came from Connemara. Visit **www.chicagoirishfilmfestival.com** for more details and locations.

South Side Irish Parade | Sunday, March 15, Noon

The parade will step off at noon from 103rd and proceed down Western Avenue to 115th Street. The annual South Side Irish Parade is a great time to spend with family and friends, both in bars and at house parties. Visit **www.southsideirishparade.org** for more information.

Irish American Heritage Center St. Patrick’s Day Celebration | Tuesday, March 17, 11am-10pm

The daylong celebration in the Fifth Province includes music, dance and face painting for children. The party goes from noon to 10pm; tickets are \$10 and children 12 and under are free. There will be a Mass at 11am. Visit **irish-american.org** for more information about this event and others at the Center.

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration and other events at Chicago Gaelic Park | Tuesday, March 17, 12pm

Chicago Gaelic Park will host its Annual St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon on March 17th, featuring corned beef and cabbage, and entertainment provided by Joe Cullen and a show by Cross Keys School of Irish Dancing. Doors open at 12pm, lunch served at 1pm. Admission is \$25, and reservations are required; call the Gaelic Park Front Office at 708-687-9323. Chicago Gaelic Park will also hold Pub Trivia on Tuesdays at 7:30pm and Traditional Irish Music in the Carraig Pub on Thursdays at 7:30pm. There will be a St. Baldrick’s Head Shaving event at 3pm on March 7th in the Tara Room, and on March 15th, there will be a Mass at 9am followed by a traditional Irish breakfast. Visit **chicagogaelpark.org** for more details on these events and more.

Celebrating St. Joseph’s Day

St. Joseph’s Day, which takes place on March 19th, is a feast day celebrated especially by Italian-American and Polish-American Catholics. In the faith, St. Joseph is the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the stepfather of Jesus Christ.

According to legend, Italians grateful to St. Joseph for rains that came after a long drought and famine promised to honor him with a large feast and feed the poor. Faye Zuppardo, an early coordinator of the large public altar built each year by the Greater New Orleans Italian Cultural Society, wrote, “In his honor, they erected a lovely altar, with three levels to represent the Holy Trinity. They draped it simply and beautifully in white, adorned it with flowers. Then they selected their finest grain, fruits, vegetables, seafood and wine, and invited all the poor to share in their prayer and festivity.” The tradition continues today. Polish and Italian Americans wear red, which is for both St. Joseph and ethnic identity. (Both the Polish and Italian flags contain red.) For more information about the rich history of St. Joseph’s Day, visit **www.louisianafolklife.org/LT/Articles_Essays/Italians.html** and **annhetzelgunkel.com/easter/swjozef.html**.

There are several events across the Chicagoland area that will be held in celebration of this day. Here are a few of them.

- Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Carol Stream will have a St. Joseph’s Day Table on Saturday, March 14th from 6-9pm in their Marian Hall. Many volunteers are needed to both prepare foods and serve that day. For more information, call Stella at 630-665-0458.
- Alta Villa Banquets in Addison will host a St. Joseph Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 21st, from 6:30pm-12:30am. For more information and reservations, call 630-543-1222 or visit **www.altavillabanquets.com**.
- St. Celestine Parish’s Italian Catholic Federation in Elmwood Park will have a St. Joseph Table on Sunday, March 15th, from 12-2pm. For more information or to volunteer or donate, call Jo Townsend at 708-452-4654 or Barbra Rodgers at 708-452-4655.

Trustee Theresa Flynn’s Top Movie Picks for a St. Patrick’s Day

This month, Trustee Theresa Flynn shares her favorite Irish films for a great addition to your St. Patrick’s Day celebration.

All time favorite, best humor and not a wasted line of wit is *Waking Ned Devine*. Full-on Irish humor and great landscapes though filmed in the Isle of Man, the movie tells the tale of a small village and its residents trying to unveil a lottery winner. Starring David Kelly and Fionnula Flanagan.

Philomena is a great drama starring Judy Dench. It tells the heartbreaking true story of a mother's search for her son, adopted out by a convent launderette in Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.

The Field, starring Richard Harris, showcases the Irish landscape and the eternal passion for land, its ownership and the battles in between.



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New record for ‘A Little Bit of Germany’



(L) Folk band Paloma brought its festive sound to Crestwood. (R) Shepard High School students Heidi Szymborski and Travis Jarman, dressed for the occasion, serve drinks at “A Little Bit of Germany” on Saturday, January 25th.

With nearly 500 tickets sold, the January 25th fundraiser supporting the German exchange program at Shepard High School set a new record for attendance and revenue. “A Little Bit of Germany” raised more than \$5,300 to break the record set last year.

“Many, many thanks to all of you for making the ‘A Little Bit of Germany’ such a huge success,” teacher Jennifer Fischer wrote to parent volunteers on Sunday. “I am pleased to announce that we broke another record. This is so wonderful for the kids. As previously discussed, we will use the funds to pay for our Chicago trips when the Germans come in April.” The remaining money will help pay for the Shepard students’ visit to Germany in the summer of 2016. Aside from a catered German dinner, the event featured entertainment by the folk band Paloma from the Dankhaus German Cultural Center in Chicago.

The Cook County Coyote Project

The Forest Preserve’s Coyote Study, started in 2000, is the largest continuous study conducted on urban coyotes to date. Coyotes have become a top predator in our urban ecosystem, and there is concern for public health and safety. This study monitors disease dynamics within the coyote population, as well as any behavioral changes that may increase aggression or boldness in coyotes that have negative consequences. Nearly 700 individual coyotes have been captured and tracked, enabling scientists to discover that coyotes are able to navigate the urban environment quite well, and are providing ecological services that are not generally recognized by the public. The Cook County Coyote Project is conducted in partnership with The Ohio State University, Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, and Cook County Animal and Rabies Control, among others. To learn more, visit urbancoyoteresearch.com.

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Crestwood Resident Makes a Top Statewide Achievement in Car Sales

General Motors honored Crestwood’s Jaime Birks on Friday, February 13th, at the Chicago Auto Show for her achievement of selling the second-highest number of new cars in the state of Illinois for Chevrolet. She has done so for the past two years. She sold 237 new cars and 112 used cars in 2014 while working for Phillips Chevrolet in Frankfort. Birks has also been the No. 1 Chevrolet saleswoman in Illinois for the past six years.

“I was selling real estate when the market hit its ultimate lows, and I knew it was time for a change,” Birks said. “I entered the car business selling cars for which I believe is the best dealership ever, Phillips Chevrolet. Being a female in a very male-dominated industry can be challenging at times but the overwhelming desire to succeed carried my motivation to be above average.”

Phillips Chevrolet, Birks said, thrives on its customer retention and referrals. “[Phillips Chevrolet] is really good to its customers and employees,” she said, remarking that she enjoys helping people find a way to buy a car so they can get to work and other activities and events they enjoy doing. “It’s a great way to help the public. ... Everybody needs a car. It’s a really positive experience since you feel like you’re helping people.”

Birks has also been licensed in real estate since 2005. In September 2014, she opened up a new real estate company, Corona Realty Group, Inc., in Blue Island. “My passion for success and genuine feelings toward others allow me to enjoy being a part of the two largest purchases of people’s lives.”



Crestwood resident Jaime Birks has sold the second-most new cars in Illinois for Chevrolet for the past two years.

Simply Slices Offers ‘A Modern Twist’ on Pizza



Simply Slices recently celebrated its 17th anniversary of its Crestwood location.

Seventeen years ago, Simply Slices owner Dino Pavoni wanted to bring a novel concept to his hometown of Crestwood: drive-thru pizza by the slice. “I love this town and I’ve lived here all my life,” he remarked. “I find it’s best to run a business where you’re familiar with the area.”

Simply Slices, a family owned and oriented business, is the only place that does pizza by the slice in a drive-thru in Chicago. “The only way you can be successful in the drive-thru business is through having lots and lots of customers,” he stated, noting that in 2014, his business increased 23 percent, and that 63 percent of Simply Slices’ business is through serving customers in the drive-thru. “People love pizza.”

Pavoni said that drive-thru pizza is an “old fashioned way to make something, with a modern twist.” Over the years, he says, “we’ve mastered

making pizza you can eat in the car ... not too hot, a crispy and firm crust.” Simply Slices makes its own fresh dough every day and also offers pizza with gluten-free crust. Other menu items include whole pizzas, breadsticks, calzones, and Sno Biz shaved ice.

Simply Slices, located at 14208 S. Cicero Avenue, is now offering franchising opportunities. “I believe that 99.9 percent of people want to run their own business,” Pavoni stated, adding that he’s on his way to 1,000 Simply Slices locations. Visit **simplyslices.com/franchise/** for more information. The restaurant will offer a “March Madness” special this month. For more details, visit **simplyslices.com**.



Derrick, Simply Slices owner Don Pavoni’s son, serves a drive-thru customer. Simply Slices is the only restaurant that does pizza by the slice in a drive-thru in Chicago.

CRESTWOOD JOB LISTINGS

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Dykstra Home Services Heating & Air Conditioning is seeking a full-time HVAC Service Technician for Residential, Light Commercial (including rooftop units), and boiler maintenance and repairs; HVAC Clean & Check Technicians for residential routine maintenance and light repair calls; and HVAC Installers and Install Helpers for residential and light commercial systems. Their company will be serving the greater Chicagoland area, dividing technicians between two locations, West and North Suburbs reporting out of their Glendale Heights location and South Suburbs reporting out of their Crestwood location. The position includes full benefits, 401K, company vehicle and training. Desired skills include universal EPA certification, NATE Certification, and at least four years of field experience. Apply in person at their Crestwood location, 13450 S Cicero Ave, any time between 8am-5pm Monday through Friday or 8am-12pm Saturdays.

Smiles Auto Group Receptionist (Part-Time)

Crestwood business Smiles Auto Group is seeking to hire a part-time receptionist who has experience related to car sales, bookkeeping and additional clerical duties. Salary is negotiable and based on experience related to the automotive field. The candidate must have experience in the automobile industry, at least one year of college experience, proficiency in Microsoft Office (including Excel), the ability to work well independently and with a team. He or she must also have excellent customer service skills, be an effective communicator and have attention to detail. The receptionist will answer the phone and take messages, initiate a network with similar businesses, assist with paperwork for automobile transactions and communicate using various types of software. He or she is also expected to demonstrate compliance with Cook County and state regulations and utilize social media to increase the amount of potential customers. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Edward Moore at **ed.moore@smilesautogroup.com**.

Sprint Retail Sales Associate (Part-Time)

Sprint’s Crestwood location posted a job opening for a part-time retail sales associate. The consultant provides a total sales solution to customers regarding their wireless/mobility needs that includes: selling the value for Sprint's devices, accessories and service plans, maximizing customer connections, saving the customer money, personalizing the customer experience, and protecting the customer’s investment. He or she delivers an outstanding store experience that improves customer loyalty and strengthens the Sprint Brand, meets or exceeds key performance objectives that include sales and customer satisfaction goals, Qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent and six months retail sales or related experience. To apply, **visit www.sprint.jobs**.

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Quick Fixes: Start Spring Cleaning With Washing Windows

With the start of spring right around the corner on March 20th, this month is a great time to give your windows a fresh look. Here are some window washing tips from **HowStuffWorks.com** to maximize the efficiency and easiness of doing this task.

- Wash your windows on a cloudy day. (Direct sunlight dries cleaning solutions before you can polish the glass properly.)
- Wash one side of a window with horizontal strokes and the other side with vertical strokes so you can determine which side of the window has a streak. Use a squeegee on a long handle, or use both a sponge and a squeegee to prevent streaks on large windows.
- To make the glass more shiny after washing and drying the window, polish it with clean cotton T-shirts or old cloth diapers, rub a clean blackboard eraser over the window, or use crumpled newspaper, which leaves a film that is resistant to dirt. Remove minor scratches on the glass by polishing them with toothpaste. Use a soft toothbrush or cotton swab to clean corners.
- Wash windows from the top down to prevent drips since window cleaners pose a threat to woodwork and can harm the paint or varnish.



Two February Holidays Combine in Biggest Biela Center Bash to Date

The Biela Center hosted a grand luncheon party for area seniors on Tuesday, February 17th, for Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day, and the attendance number soared. "This is the biggest crowd we've ever had — 160," said Biela Center staff member Bernie Alfano.

Lunch for the seniors consisted of an array of appetizers, stuffed chicken, mashed potatoes, and the Fat Tuesday Polish favorite, paczki. Raffle prizes this month included books, stuffed animals, snacks, porcelain angels and other figurines, and Valentine's Day-themed kitchen items.

Al and Ellen Zielke, who have lived in Crestwood since 2000, attended the party and praised the Biela Center staff, programs and social opportunities. They have been members of the Biela Center for the past 13 years. Al said, "[The Biela Center] is everything a senior complex is supposed to have. All these parties are nice. ... The food is always good; we get to try different foods." Ellen added, "The staff is very friendly and nice. You can't ask for nicer people. ... We came from an unincorporated area [Garden Homes] so this is really wonderful for us — a whole social life." She said that she had whispered to her husband, "Aren't you glad we're here?" during lunch. Al, 80, and Ellen, 77, have been married for 54 years and have four children and seven grandchildren. As advice to younger couples in recognition of Valentine's Day, Ellen said, "Have a sense of humor and laugh at everything your husband does, good or bad, and do something together every day."



Al and Ellen Zielke have been members of the Biela Center for 13 years.

Village & Biela Center Happenings

Unless otherwise indicated, all listed events are at the Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike.

For more Information
708-371-4860 Ext. 6001

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	3 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	4 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:30 p.m. Crestwood Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	5 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	6 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
9 Rules of the Road - 1:30 AM - 3:30 PM 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:30 p.m. Biela Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	10 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	11 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	12 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	13 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Dessert 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
16 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	17 12:00 p.m. St. Patrick Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	18 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:30 p.m. Crestwood Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	19 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	20 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
23 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:30 p.m. Biela Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	24 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	25 "On Golden Pond" - 11 a.m. Blood Pressure Hearing - 9:30 AM 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	26 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	27 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Dessert 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
30 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	31 Easter Party - 11 AM 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie			



March 2015



Look What's Cooking!!!

Lunch and bingo or a movie for over 50

Tuesday, March 3	Polish sausage & sauerkraut
Friday, March 6	Cheese pizza
Tuesday, March 10	Hamburgers
Friday, March 13	Dessert & Bingo
Tuesday, March17	St. Patrick lunch - \$6 (Hot Corned Beef Sandwich)
Friday, March 20	Fish sandwich
Tuesday, March 24	Italian sausage
Friday, March 27	Dessert & bingo
Tuesday, March 31	Easter Party - \$10 (Pork)

Enjoy a delicious lunch (\$4.00) at the Biela Center at noon. Bingo and a movie start at 1 p.m.. Please help us by making reservations. Reservations for Tuesday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Friday and reservations for Friday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Movies of the month to be shown at the Biela Center

Thank you to the Crestwood Library for donating these movies for our seniors to watch.

March 2-6	“The Hundred-Foot Journey”
March 9-13	“Jersey Boys”
March 16-20	“Finnian's Rainbow”
March 23-27	“Easter Parade”
March 30 - April 2	“Muppets Most Wanted”

Movies are shown Monday through Friday at 1 p.m.

Never A Dull Moment at the Biela Center

By now you know the Biela Center is located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, but do you know what goes on a daily basis? Senior citizens, you never have to be bored again.

Take a look at the many activities that wait for you here:

*Choose a senior fitness group that works best for you-one, two, or three times a week.

*Keep your driving privileges, and your freedom, by attending one of our frequent Rules of the Road classes held throughout the year.

*Every week we offer free movies for your enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere.

*Lunch and bingo are offered Tuesdays and Fridays all year at the Biela Center.

*Free blood pressure and hearing screenings are offered every month.

*Join us for some of our group trips to casinos, plays, theaters, and other interesting venues.

Chicago South Elks Lodge 1596

The Elks, in cooperation with the Biela Center, continue to collect pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well as eyeglasses, greeting cards, used cell phones and chargers for other charities.

For more information, contact the Elks at 708-597-7465 or the Biela Center at 708-371-4860, EXT 6001.

Sorry....No refunds can be made

We've often experienced last-minute cancellations for our various day trips. We have to make it clear that when reservations are confirmed, refunds will not be issued.

Therefore, no refunds can be given for any trip unless we have a waiting list or if you can find a replacement for your reserved space. When you register for a trip, you have two weeks to decide before payment.

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled departure time for a trip. We do publish the scheduled departure time for our trips. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Many passengers are very sensitive to strong perfumes and aftershaves. We ask that you think of others if you use them.

Senior Fitness Offered at the Biela Center

The Biela Center offers a great fitness class one, two, or three times a week, and you can work at your own pace. Feel better and sleep better.

Diana Esparza, our instructor, will guide you through your special needs. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$30 for 24 classes, \$20 for 16 classes, \$10 for eight classes or a \$2 daily fee.

CASINO TRIPS

When making casino reservations, please have your card number or address and date of birth. Remember, you must have a valid picture ID at the casino....Winning more than \$1,199 requires showing your social security card.....!

Blue Chip Casino

Enjoy a day at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana. The trip includes 4 hours of gambling, a buffet lunch and \$10 in E-Play after 1,000 points.

When: Thursday, March 5th
Time: Depart 8:45 am - Return 4 pm
Cost: \$28

Reservations requested by February 10th.



Majestic Star

Spend a nice spring day at the Majestic Star Casino in Gary, Indiana. The trip includes transportation, a \$5 discount for the buffet and \$10 after 25 points on your players card.

When: Wednesday, April 22nd
Time: Depart 9 am - Return 3 pm
Cost: \$27.00

Horseshoe Casino

Spend the day at the Horseshoe casino in Hammond, Indiana. When you register, we will need your card number and an E-mail address. If you DO NOT have a player's card we need your name (as shown on your license or State I.D.), address, date of birth and an E-mail address. Without this information you will not receive the trip benefits.

When: Monday, June 15th
Time: Depart 8:30 am - Return 4 pm
Cost: \$27.00 (includes buffet)

"Rules of the Road Here on March 9th"

Secretary of State, Jesse White, in cooperation with local organizations, will offer a Rules of the Road review course at the Biela Center free of charge.

The two-hour session helps prepare drivers for the Illinois driver license exam. Topics include written, vision, and road tests.

When: Monday, March 9th, 2015
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Save your spot by calling the Biela Center at 708-371-4860. EXT 6001

"On Golden Pond"

The love story of Ethel and Norman who are returning to their summer home for the 48th year. They are visited by their divorced daughter and her fiancée who are off to Europe, leaving his teenage son behind for the summer. This was a HUGE Broadway hit!!!

When: Wednesday, March 25th
Where: Theatre at the Center -Munster, Indiana
Time: Depart 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$74 (includes transportation, lunch and show-choice of baked cod or beef stroganoff)

Save your spot by calling the Biela Center at 708-371-4860. EXT 6001



St. Pat's Luncheon Set for March 17th

Everyone's Irish on St. Pat's Day and that will be the story on March 17th at the Biela Center.

When: Tuesday, March 17th
Time: Lunch will be served at noon
Cost: \$6.00

Make reservations by March 10th
Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4860 Ext. 6001



Senior Easter Party

Join us for our annual Easter Party.

When: Tuesday, March 31st
Time: Appetizers at 11:00a.m., Lunch at noon
Bingo or a movie at 1:00p.m.
(bingo for those who attend the luncheon)
Cost: \$10.00
Reservations must be made by March 24th
Phone 371-4860 ext. 6001

Enjoy the day visiting various churches. Begin with a tour of the Bahai House of Worship in Wilmette which is the only one in the United States. Then on to lunch at Pompei on Taylor Street. After lunch we will tour Holy Family Church and the Fourth Presbyterian Church on Michigan Avenue.

When: Thursday, April 9th
Time: Depart 8:45pm;return 4:45pm
Cost: \$74 (includes transportation, tours and lunch)

Patty Waszak Show

Dynamic SINGER!!! HILARIOUS COMEDIENNE!!! AWARD WINNING SONGWRITER!!! Patty plays the "Sweetest Sax This Side of Heaven!"

Join us for lunch and show at the White Fence Farm. Menu choice of the "World's Greatest Chicken" or scrumptious Fried Shrimp.

When: Wednesday, May 13th
Time: Depart 10 pm;return 4 pm
Cost: \$65

Great Chicago Fire Tour

This tour is designed to give you an in depth look at the 2nd largest urban fire in U.S. history. We will begin an Mrs. O'leary's barn and continue to follow the path through the loop with timelines. We will continue to the North Side following the fire to Lincoln Park. Stops will include a 1 hour lunch-on-your-own at the James Thompson Center and a short stop at Water Tower. You may also bring your own lunch.

When: Thursday, May 28th
Time: Depart 10 pm;return 4 pm
Cost: \$42 (lunch on your own or bring with)

Chicago Architectural Tour

Learn about the architecture and design of over 50 buildings described in this 90 minute tour. Open-air and air conditioned seating is available. Then on to lunch at Pompil on Taylor Street.

When: Thursday, July 25th
Time: Depart 8:45 pm;return 4 pm
Cost: \$77 (includes transportation, tour, & lunch)

Attention Seniors!!!

The Crestwood Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet on the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

The club does an array of activities at their meetings. Coffee and sweet rolls are available to be enjoyed as the members visit with each other; planned activities are enjoyed on holidays. For the holidays, the club becomes community involved. The members make favors and bring in presents for nursing home residents...

Consider joining a fun Group. Please call the membership chairperson, Sophie Horvath at 385–7760.

Also, the Biela Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet at the Biela Center on the second and fourth Monday at 12:30 pm. Call the Biela Center for more information.

- REMINDER -
Don't be disappointed when trips are cancelled. Please sign-up as soon as possible. We have deadlines for booking the trips. - The Biela Center

ATTENTION ALL CARD PLAYERS!!!

Crestwood's senior card players are looking for new members to join them for pinochle at the Biela Center on Thursdays at noon. If interested, stop in on Thursdays at noon.



“Being Irish, he had an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustained him through temporary periods of joy.”— W.B. Yeats

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER OFFERED ON MARCH 25th

Free blood pressure screening will be offered at the Biela Center on Wednesday, March 25th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Barbara, our Biela Center Blood Pressure Nurse will be available.

HEARING SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER ON MARCH 25th

Bruce from the Audible Center for Hearing Excellence will be here on Wednesday, March 25th from 9:30 to 11 a.m. to conduct hearing screenings and to clean and service hearing aids. This service is free for adults only.

March Events at Crestwood Public Library

Youth Programs

Story Time and Tiny Tots Registration for our new session of story time and tiny tots begins March 2, 2015 Story time for ages 3-8 will meet Thursday at 12:00pm \$5.00 per child Tiny Tots for ages 12-36 months with adult, will meet Friday at 10:30am. Space is limited. Registration needed. Session dates will be March 13-May 15, 2015		
Lego Club A New Session of Lego Club will begin Monday, March 9 for children grades K-4. We will meet Mondays from 3:30-4:30. Space limited to 16.	Messy Mondays for toddlers! Parents can bring their toddler to experience all those messy things you would not like them to play with at home. Ages 18-36 months w adult Mondays from 11:00-11:30am	
Art Club Kids grade 2-4 will meet once a month to make an art project using different types of art. March art will be ceramic painting. Thursday, March 5, 4:00-5:00pm	St. Patrick's Day Party Come celebrate the Irish at the library with stories, games, crafts and snacks. Kids ages 6-10 welcome. Tuesday, March 17 5:30-7:00pm Limit of 15	
Tween Time Twins grades 3-5 join us this month for some Easter Egg decorating. We will be decorating all kinds of eggs. Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 4:00pm Registration Required	Duct Tape Crafts! Children ages 9 and up come make crafts out of colored duct tape. All supplies provided. Sat. March 21 2:00-3:00pm	Wiggle Worms Share stories, music, and a craft with children ages 2-3. Adult must attend with child. March Date: Tues March 10 from 6:00-6:30pm
Pajama Time Children ages 4-9 come to the library in your PJs to hear Easter Bunny stories and make an Easter craft. Tues. March 24, 2015 6:00-7:00pm	March Book Buddies Children ages 3-6 can spend time with a Shepard High School student reading books and making a small craft. March Date: March 18, 2015 6:00-7:00pm Cost is free	After School Club Kids K-2 come to the library for some after school activities! In March join us for some Jelly Bean fun! Thurs. March, 19, 2015 4:00-5:00pm Please Register.
Chess Club Have you wanted to learn to play chess, need some practice, or just want to play the game? A new session of Chess Club for Grades 1-10 begins soon. Check the website for start date. Registration Required	S.T.E.M. Science Club Children in grades 1-5 will learn about a different science topic each month. This month we will doing the egg drop challenge. \$2.00 per child Thurs. March 12, 2015 Grades 1-5 4:00pm Space limited to 12 children. Register at Front Desk	
Registration Required for all programs. Call 708-371-4090 for details.		

March Adult Programming at Crestwood Public Library

The Magical Art of Problem Solving Guest speaker and magician Jeff Scanlan will show you how to be a better problem solver during this one hour presentation, teaching you to think more creatively while using magic to bring you a fun and educational experience! Free to all. Call to register! Sat. March 14 1:00 PM	
Get Covered Illinois: Presentation and Enrollment Are you in need of a health care plan and wondering which coverage is right for you? Join us for a one hour presentation with a representative from the Campaign For Better Health Care. This is a free event. Call to register. Monday, March 9 at 6:30 PM	
Needles Yarn Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit or crochet, or just want to meet some new friends? Join us for a new session of Needles & Yarn at the library! Bring your own materials or use some of ours! For ages 13 years and up. Call to register. Monday March 23 6:30 PM	Did you recently get a new Kindle eReader or iPad We have TWO eBook databases for you to explore with lots of bestsellers and old favorites to choose from And best of all they are free and there are no late fees To learn more about eRead Illinois and Media on Demand visit our website today www.crestwoodlibrary.org
Stampin Up Spring Card Class Join us for another session of Stampin' Up! With Debbie Spano as we make personalized greeting cards. Cost is \$4 per person. Call to register. Monday, March 16 at 6:00pm	Adult Computer Class Need some one-on-one practice with your computer skills? Sign up for a 45 minute session with one of our librarians on select Fridays during the month! Please call for available times and topics.
Book Discussion Group Do you like to talk about the books you read? Then join our monthly book discussion group. This group reads a variety of fiction and nonfiction books and meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00. March Meeting : March 4	e magazines are here e magazines are now available on our website through Zinio
Coming April 2015: Property Tax Info Session provided by Raila & Associates P.C. on 4/6, R sum Boot Camp on 4/11, and Gardening with Nina Koziol on 4/13.	
Have an event you would like to commemorate coming up Why not mark the occasion with a book on our library mural book shelf? What a great way to support our library too! Books on our Library Mural are available for purchase starting at \$25.00. All proceeds go to support the library general fund.	
Remember to visit our website: www.crestwoodlibrary.org or call 708-371-4090 for all program details	

At Crestwood Public Library’s LEGO® Club, Everything Is Awesome



Sarah, 8, tries following the instructions at LEGO Club.

It started as an experiment based on what was being done at a few other libraries. Three years later, it’s a proven success here in Crestwood. Debbie Fisher implemented the Crestwood Public Library’s LEGO Club Program and has overseen it since, seeing 4-year-olds develop through the “power of the brick” and seeing older children wistful at having to grow out of the program.

Even among the libraries offering a LEGO Club for their young patrons, the Crestwood Public Library has a distinction that’s a testament to Fisher’s dedication to the community.

“So far as I know, we are the only library that does it every week,” Fisher says. “Most of them still only do it monthly because they can’t handle the chaos of LEGOs, but I love the LEGOs, so it’s OK.”

According to Fisher, LEGO Club runs in three six-week sessions. “We started in January and February, and we’ll do March-April — we’ll take a break probably around Easter,” she adds, “and then we’ll do one at the end of April-May, and then we’ll take a full break in the summer, because in summer, they have to register for each session separately. Then we’ll start again in August. We’ll do two in the fall, and then two in the winter. It’s four sessions — two in the fall and two in the spring.”

As might be expected, popularity of the LEGO Club spiked with the release of The LEGO Movie last year. But there is a limit to 16 children to each session, due to the size of the room, and the available number of LEGOs. “We let them register until the class fills,” Fisher explains. “The session might start, but we still take people until it fills, then we put them on the wait list.”

Registration is currently available for the session beginning in March. LEGO Club meets Mondays from 3:30-4:30pm when in session. For more information on the LEGO Club, to donate LEGO sets, or to enroll your child in the next available six-week session, please contact Debbie at the Crestwood Public Library at **708-371-4090**.

Bingo is Back



St. Christopher School - GYM
14611 South Keeler, Midlothian, IL

Doors Open 5:00 pm, Early Birds
6:30 pm, Regular Games 7:00 pm

For more info call (708) 388-8190

Article Suggestions

Crestwood Adviser welcomes suggestions for articles — stories about residents, local events, random acts of kindness, and more! Please let us know what you think should be covered in your Village newspaper by emailing us at **info@crestwoodadviser.com**, calling Fanning Communications at **708-293-1430**, or bringing a hard-copy submission to the Village Hall at 13840 S. Cicero Avenue.

Severe Weather Awareness - Are You Prepared?



Illinois will be holding its Statewide Severe Weather Awareness Week March 1st through 7th, with a tornado drill at 10am on Tuesday, March 3rd. This week is an opportunity to increase awareness of and response to severe weather hazards. States’ Severe Weather Awareness Weeks are scheduled throughout the spring, targeting a time before the spring severe weather “season” typically begins in the state. Most states also conduct a tornado drill during their awareness weeks, when test tornado warnings are issued at a predetermined time. Please mark your calendar and plan to participate in the drill for your local area, as this is an opportunity to test your communication methods **as if it were a real situation.**

Know the Difference

Tornado Watch - Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans, and check supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives!

Tornado Warning - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Tornado warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property.

Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information. In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials. Be alert to changing weather conditions and look for approaching storms and these danger signs: Dark, often greenish sky; large hail; a large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating), and a loud roar similar to a freight train.

If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take

shelter immediately. Go to a pre-designated area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of a small interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. In a high-rise building, go to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible.

General Safety Precautions

- Here are some safety precautions that could help you avoid injury after a tornado:
- Continue to monitor your battery-powered radio or television for emergency information.
 - Be careful when entering any structure that has been damaged.
 - Wear sturdy shoes or boots, long sleeves and gloves when handling or walking on or near debris.
 - Be aware of hazards from exposed nails and broken glass.
 - Do not touch downed power lines or objects in contact with downed lines. Report electrical hazards to the police and the utility company.
 - Use battery-powered lanterns, if possible, rather than candles to light homes without electrical power. If you use candles, make sure they are in safe holders away from curtains, paper, wood or other flammable items. Never leave a candle burning when you are out of the room.
 - Never use generators, pressure washers, grills, camp stoves or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside your home, basement, garage or camper — or even outside near an open window, door or vent. Carbon monoxide (CO) — an odorless, colorless gas that can cause sudden illness and death if you breathe it — from these sources can build up in your home, garage or camper, and poison the people and animals inside. Seek prompt medical attention if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling dizzy, light-headed or nauseated.
 - Hang up displaced telephone receivers that may have been knocked off by the tornado, but stay off the telephone, except to report an emergency.
 - Cooperate fully with public safety officials.

Crestwood History: Did You Know?

- Three Crestwood Little League players have gone on to play Major League Baseball: Don Peters, first-round draft pick for the Oakland A’s; 1990; Ron Mahay, drafted by the Boston Red Sox in 1991; and Craig Tacz, signed by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1995.
- More than 29 inches of snow covered the Village during the infamous “Blizzard of ’79,” keeping the Village’s Department of Public Works busy round the clock.
- Crestwood hired its first full-time police officer, Eugene Biela, in 1963. It wasn’t until 1964 that the Village finally had 24-hour police protection.
- The Willow Creek School (“The Little School House”) at 135th and Laramie served as the public library until a senseless act of suspected arson destroyed about 2/3 of the site and about 4,000 books.



Open Houses for Prospective Families

Wed. March 18th 9am – 2pm / Sun. March 22nd noon – 3pm

All prospective families are invited to visit our school and learn about the many things we have to offer your child. Come join our family!

- Preschool – 8th grade open registration ongoing
- Strong academic curriculum incorporating technology in all areas
- Before and after day extended care, 6:30am – 6pm
- Financial-aid scholarships available
- Special subjects including Spanish, music, art, library, & computers
- Summer school programs available

For more information, visit www.stchrisschool.org or call 708-385-8776

Thinking About Selling Your Crestwood Home or Condominium?

Top Ten Reasons Why You Should Call

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- #10) I AM A LIFETIME CRESTWOOD RESIDENT
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- #6) CLIFF IS THE CRESTWOOD LEADER IN REAL ESTATE
- #5) 100’S & 100’S OF CRESTWOOD PROPERTIES SOLD
- #4) HONORABLE AND TRUSTWORTHY
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Crestwood’s very own ongoing strip,...

94 South by Jim McGreal



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SUDOKU

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 – 9, without repeating any.

	5	7					4	
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February Sudoku Solution

1	4	7	2	3	6	5	9	8
5	8	2	7	1	9	3	6	4
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9	7	3	8	4	2	1	5	6
2	6	5	3	7	1	8	4	9
8	1	4	6	9	5	7	3	2
7	5	9	1	6	8	4	2	3
6	3	1	4	2	7	9	8	5
4	2	8	9	5	3	6	1	7

February Crossword Solution

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67						68						69		
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ACROSS

- 1 Id's counterparts
- 5 Parent groups
- 9 Representatives
- 13 Spurt
- 14 Dodge
- 15 Women's magazine
- 16 Island
- 17 Water retention
- 18 Tense
- 19 Hot
- 21 Dabbing
- 23 Vanish
- 25 Tack
- 26 Novice
- 29 Very large truck
- 31 Use again
- 34 American sign language
- 35 Irregular
- 37 Shine
- 39 Shoulder covering
- 41 Summer skin color
- 42 Side note
- 43 Lotion brand
- 44 Devourer

- 46 Downwind
- 47 Regenerate
- 50 Give
- 51 Gray sea eagle
- 52 Colors
- 54 Noise
- 56 Recites
- 59 Enticed
- 63 Extinct bird
- 64 Willia __ (Elizabeth I's advisor)
- 66 Mom
- 67 Jittery
- 68 Surge
- 69 Proper
- 70 Dregs
- 71 Quick
- 72 Past

DOWN

- 1 Aegis
- 2 Blow
- 3 Capital of Norway
- 4 Book holder
- 5 Doctoral degree

- 6 Even
- 7 Protective covering
- 8 Ice glider
- 9 VIP attendants
- 10 Vivacity
- 11 Socket's metal prongs
- 12 Focus
- 14 Dispatcher
- 20 Painting prop
- 22 Bind
- 24 Show emotions
- 26 Drum
- 27 Direct
- 28 Toot
- 30 Jacob's father
- 32 Grin
- 33 Down duck
- 36 Enroll
- 38 Adolescent
- 40 Kites (2 wds.)
- 42 Athletic field
- 45 Doesn't taste too bad
- 48 Hurricane center
- 49 Brand of soft drinks
- 53 Rest
- 55 Lamé
- 56 Traveled by horse

- 57 Fringe
- 58 Blemish
- 60 Tropical edible root
- 61 Native ruler in Asia
- 62 Lady
- 63 New Jersey's neighbor
- 65 Climbing vine

Shepard Second Baseman Mark Albrecht Recruited by Roosevelt

Crestwood’s Mark Albrecht recently signed with Roosevelt University of Chicago to play second base for the Lakers in the 2016 season.

Albrecht is a four-year varsity starter for Shepard’s baseball program. He’s a captain for Shepard’s baseball team this year and will provide leadership and experience for the Astros, said Shepard varsity baseball Head Coach Frank DiFoggio. “Mark has had a unique experience with high-school baseball as his freshman year he was our starting catcher on the varsity level. As time went on, we moved him out of the position due to his athleticism and realized he would be better suited as a middle infielder,” DiFoggio remarked. “Only someone with a strong work ethic and drive to succeed would be able to make this transition successful as he did it against competition that was older than himself. He will be one of our key players and anchors for this upcoming year.”

Roosevelt University head baseball coach Steve Marchi said in a Roosevelt press release that Albrecht “showed great hands and range at our camp and we really like his swing at this point of his development. ... We look for Mark to continue to produce in the classroom at RU and expect big contributions for our squad over the next four years.”

Albrecht said in the press release that “Roosevelt is a place where I felt at home. I feel like the team is going to be a second family to me and make me an even better ball player. What is most exciting for me to be a student at Roosevelt is the fact I can study what I love — science — in a city that I love.”



Mark Albrecht has signed with Roosevelt University to play second base next year. Front row: Kristie (Mark’s mom), Mark. Back row: Roosevelt University Head Baseball Coach Steve Marchi, Mark Sr. (Mark’s dad), and Shepard head baseball coach Frank DiFoggio.



2015 SEASON



Crestwood Baseball Association

Crestwood Baseball Association Information

Ages:	Divisions:
7-8 years	Pinto (Coach Pitch)
9-10 years	Mustang
11-12 years	Bronco
13-14 years	Pony
15-16 years	Colt

Cost: FREE for Crestwood Residents
\$150.00 for Non-Residents



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Season: Season runs mid-April until mid-July. Colt season starts later to accommodate kids playing high school baseball.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2015 SEASON CONTACT THE:

Crestwood Rec & Wellness Center
5331 W. 135th Street
Crestwood, IL 60445
www.crestwoodbaseball.com

708-371-4800, ext. 2014



Volunteer coaches are needed for the Crestwood Baseball— 2015 season.

Register now at the Crestwood Rec & Wellness Center.



This year’s Shepard boys swimming team

Shepard Boys Relishing Swim Season

Shepard High School’s boys swimming team have had a productive season, recently taking second at the South Suburban Red Division conference on February 7th, along with several other accomplishments. But more importantly, the boys have enjoyed the sport and competition.

Brothers John and Jacob Wolniak are two of the Crestwood kids on the team. John Wolniak, a junior, has been on the team for three years and said, “It’s so much fun. ... We’re a close-knit group of people; we look out for each other and we’re all really good friends.” He swims 100-yard backstroke, 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard medley relay and 400-yard free relay. He and Jacob have been swimming in their backyard pool since they were little. Jacob, a freshman, swims 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle, and 400-yard free relay. “Swimming helps me stay on top of my grades because I try to keep all my grades high enough so I can participate in events,” Jacob said.

Jake Walters, a sophomore, swims 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke. It’s his second year on the Shepard swim team, but he has also participated for six years in Palos Area Swim Sharks, a competitive program for ages 6 to 18 hosted at Shepard High School. Walters enjoys the challenge and individual sport aspects of swimming. Crestwood’s Jaden Anderson, Mike Graham, and Dakota Morris round out the Shepard team.

CRESTWOOD Spring into Summer Game Out

Looking for a night out at the ol’ ball game? The Village of Crestwood and the Windy City Thunderbolts invite you to a Spring into Summer game on Saturday, May 30th. The Thunderbolts-Frontier Greys game starts at 6:05pm, followed by a free fire-works show. Bring your blanket, as May nights may be chilly, but warm up with a slice of pizza or hot nachos. THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ALL CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS! Show your ID at Village Hall and obtain two tickets. If special larger group tickets are needed, call the Village and leave your name and number of tickets needed. Enjoy the new Jumbotron and feast your eyes on the lush turf, built for playing and staying power! This will be a fun night for friends, family and neighbors. Tickets will be available soon at Village Hall. Support a community event that is FREE! Watch Facebook for more details.



SPORTS



Marist Hockey Club Recognizes Its 40th Anniversary

In recognition of 40 years on the ice, Marist hockey club players are all wearing a patch on their uniforms. Two kids from Crestwood — Jack Dombrowski and Joe Cristiano — are contributing to this year’s varsity team. The season, which ends in mid-March, has included Marist’s victory over Brother Rice in the Southside Winter Classic on February 10th.

The team is in a rebuilding season, according to Coach Chuck Peters. This year’s record is better than last year’s, but, “we have our moments,” he admits. Though there’s room to improve, especially in being consistently proficient on the ice, morale has improved. The team has also increased in size, from 14 kids last year to about 18 kids this season.

Dombrowski, Peters said, has played varsity for four years. He said Dombrowski practiced with the team even before becoming a Marist student. “He’s been a pleasure to coach,” Peters says, adding that both Dombrowski and Cristiano are “both pretty much mainstays” on defense. Cristiano, he said, serves as comic relief. “He’s a character to say the least,” Peters adds. “He talks a lot about fast food. He has his favorite restaurants. ... He’s probably a future food critic.”

Peters is a living part of the club’s history. Though it’s only his first year as head coach, he graduated one year before the club’s start in 1973. As a high school senior, he joined his classmates and Marist juniors in renting the ice at the Southwest Ice Arena in Crestwood. He’s also been an assistant coach since 2008. He played at Chicago State University in college, and extended his time on the ice playing for the Chicago Fire Department team, having served as a Chicago firefighter and paramedic for 36 years.

The team’s home games are at the Arctic Ice Arena in Orland Park, but their away games see more students. Peters said about 50 kids might come to nearby away games. The team plays in the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, which includes teams from St. Rita, Providence, and Brother Rice.



Joe Cristiano



Jack Dombrowski



Crestwood’s Mariah Martinez Contributes to Shepard Junior Varsity Cheer Team



Crestwood’s Mariah Martinez has worked hard this season for Shepard’s junior varsity cheerleading team.

in which she has to have the flexibility to bring one of her feet beside her head while her other foot is held in place. “I always have fun at practices,” she said, adding that she enjoys learning the dances. Before joining the Shepard team, she participated in the Midcrest Panthers cheer team for two years. She also has played softball for nine years for the Crestwood and Midlothian teams, and plans to try out for Shepard’s softball team this spring.

Shepard’s competition season accomplishments included taking 10th place at the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association’s State Championship held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center on January 3rd, and taking second place in the Red Division of the South Suburban Conference Cheerleading Competition held at Oak Forest High School. “The girls worked hard all season to improve the routine,” Rodrick said. “New skills were added between each competition as well as many other changes based on the judges’ comments on the score sheets.”

Through competition season and performances for basketball and football games, Crestwood’s Mariah Martinez, a freshman at Shepard High School, has worked hard to contribute to the junior varsity cheerleading team.

Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach Nicole Rodrick has praised Martinez’s work ethic throughout the seasons. “She is constantly working while we are at practice. She is self motivating and pushes herself. She is always working to strengthen and improve her skills,” Rodrick said. “Since the beginning of the season, she has become one of our most improved cheerleaders.”

Martinez is a “flyer,” the person who is in the air during a stunt. She particularly enjoys doing “heel stretches,”

Shepard’s Varsity Cheerleading Season Highlights

Shepard’s varsity cheerleading team, coached by Shepard graduate Nicole Staehlin-Laricy, has also had a successful season. Here are some of their achievements:

- Fifth place at the Illinois High School Association Coed Class Cheerleading State Championship on February 6th
- Earned the highest team score in Shepard history at the Northern Illinois University Huskie Challenge invitational in January
- Winner of the South Suburban Conference championship at Oak Forest High School on January 11th
- Third place at the Illinois High School Association invitational at Lincoln-Way North High School on December 20th
- Winner of the Joliet West High School invitational in December



Shepard’s varsity cheerleaders took fifth place at the IHSA Coed Class Cheerleading State Championship on February 6th.